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PAYING TRIBUTE TO RUSTY CRICK

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Rusty Crick for his outstanding accomplishments at Mesa State College in Grand Junction, CO—a prestigious college in my District. Rusty has recently reached the impressive total of five hundred wins as the head volleyball team coach. He has coached the Mavericks for over twenty years and his accomplishment is testimony to his fine coaching abilities.

Rusty began playing volleyball while serving in the Air Force. After playing for several years, he moved on to coaching the base's men's and women's teams. In 1976, Rusty moved to Grand Junction, Colorado where he was stationed as an Air force recruiter. It was then that Rusty began coaching the Mesa State women's volleyball team. In 1982, he was promoted to the coveted head coach position, a title he has held since that time.

His accomplishments as coach are impressive. He has amassed eight RMAC championships, is second in overall victories for Colorado college volleyball coaches, and the team is ninth in overall state victories. His latest goal is for the sport of college volleyball is to obtain similar national recognition that other popular sports enjoy in the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize Rusty Crick and congratulate him on his accomplishments. His dedication to Mesa State and the sport of volleyball has brought great credit to himself, Mesa State, and the community of Grand Junction. Keep up the good work Rusty and we look forward to watching the Mavericks in another winning season.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN BRAND: CEO OF NARCO FREEDOM, INC.

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Narco Freedom, Inc. and to its Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Alan Brand, an innovative leader and steadfast humanitarian. Narco Freedom, Inc. is a Bronx-based organization that for 30 years has provided New Yorkers with a network of first-rate drug treatment and health related services. I am honored to acknowledge them on their 30th anniversary.

As CEO of Narco Freedom, Inc., Alan Brand developed a revolutionary comprehensive continuum of care that supports the recovery of thousands of drug addicts. Programs developed and reared under Mr. Brand's leadership not only aid recovery from drug addictions, but foster successful daily living skills, social skills,

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and mental health. Once an individual has overcome an addiction with the help of Narco Freedom, Inc., he or she will receive continued support through after-addiction treatment in order to gain or regain a higher quality of life. These addicts' families also receive support from Narco Freedom's extensive programs because often they too must rebuild their lives during and after recovery. Mr. Brand's dedication to the advancement of substance abuse treatment and to providing health services to other groups in great need led him to spearhead the only HIV Social Needs managed care plan in New York State. Mr. Brand has developed a variety of treatment plans that are geared towards specific groups of individuals. Some aid women and their children, while others focus on people who are suffering from HIV or AIDS in conjunction with a drug abuse problem. His foresight and determination allow him to set new standards when devising treatment plans.

For three decades, Narco Freedom, Inc. has helped people get off and stay off drugs and supported recovering addicts and their families with a network of programs dealing with various mental and physical health issues. The majority of Narco Freedom's clients have two major strikes against them; they are addicted to drugs and they are poor. People with the financial means to undergo the best drug treatment programs are often treated with more sympathy than poor addicts who society tends to view as "hopeless." Narco Freedom has hope for these individuals and instills hope in them via intense programs. Many of these programs were engineered or strengthened by the efforts of Mr. Alan Brand. However, the devotion and expertise of Narco Freedom's superb staff, make the great work that they do possible. A great deal of patience and an acute understanding of effective drug treatment have made this team so successful.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Narco Freedom, Inc. for 30 years of outstanding service and its CEO, Mr. Alan Brand, for expertly guiding this great organization to even more success. I would also like to thank the entire Narco Freedom team for saving and improving so many lives.

RACIAL PROFILING

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 6, I inserted the letter of Gerald Beulah, Jr., to the Boardman Police Department. This letter regarded "racial profiling" by the Boardman Police Department.

Today I would like to insert the response to Mr. Beulah's letter by the Boardman Police Department.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 14, 2001.

Mr. JEFFREY L. PATTERSON,
Chief of Police, Boardman Township Police Department, Youngstown, OH.

DEAR MR. PATTERSON: Thank you for your response to Mr. Gerald Beulah regarding his racial profiling case. I received a copy of your response, and it will be submitted into the Congressional Record.

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Please understand that this problem will not be resolved simply by submitting your response into the Record. The fact still remains that Mr. Beulah was pulled over a total of four times, and was never issued a citation. As former Sheriff of Mahoning County, I am very well aware of the perceptions that the public has about officers of the law. I am also aware of the fact that racial profiling does, in fact, exist in many cities across the country. However, as Sheriff, I always demanded that my officers convey professionalism and respect to all the citizens of the Mahoning Valley, and as the Representative of the 17th Congressional District, I am demanding the same of you and your officers. Anything less is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Again, thank you for your letter, and I hope that you will continue to look into Mr. Beulah's case so that the same incident does not occur again. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.,
Member of Congress.

BOARDMAN TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Boardman, OH, June 4, 2001.

Mr. GERALD BEULAH, Jr.,
Youngstown, OH.

DEAR MR. BEULAH: I received your letter last Tuesday afternoon and immediately initiated an inquiry into the issues you raised. I am writing to advise you of my preliminary findings and to invite you to meet with me or my staff to discuss your concerns in greater detail.

First, let me say that yours is the only allegation of "racial profiling" by Boardman police I have received in the nearly six months I have been chief of police here. From the portions of the Robert Mangino and Dan Ryan shows on WKBN-AM Radio 570 I heard, or that were relayed to me by others, there did not seem to be any widespread perception among the callers that African-Americans were particularly subject to unfair treatment by my officers. Nor have I received any complaints from citizens since these programs aired, nor have I been contacted by any other members of the media or by any community organizations on this issue.

Since receiving your letter, I have checked some of the more readily accessible statistics for indications of disproportionate representation of African-Americans among those cited by Boardman police for traffic violations. While I am aware that the data on citations issued does not represent all those persons who have been stopped by officers but not cited, nonetheless I believe the proportional representation is relevant to the issue. Last year, more than three-quarters (77 percent) of those cited were white, and less than one-quarter (23 percent) were African-American. To place those numbers in context, I refer you to the most recent Census data, which shows that Mahoning County as a whole is about 16 percent African-American, and the city of Youngstown—our nearest and largest neighboring community—is about 44 percent African-American. I have used those figures rather than the Census data for Boardman Township (2.4 percent African-American) because I believe they more closely represent the demographics of those who travel our streets and highways, due to the presence of several heavily-utilized routes as well as the high-density retail and commercial development within our jurisdiction.